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SPECIAL MEETING NAC OCTOBER 22 WITH PERMREPS AND ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL ONLY BRIEFED BY DEAN ACHESON 2200 WITH MEETING CONTINUING UNTIL NEARLY MIDNIGHT PARIS TIME. SHERMAN KENT ALSO PRESENT. RESULT WAS SATISFACTORY RECOGNITION OF IMPORTANCE NEED FOR ALLIED SOLIDARITY. OBVIOUSLY PERMREPS HAD RECEIVED NO AUTHORITY FROM GOVERNMENTS FOR COMMENT, BUT I ANTICIPATE PERMREPS WILL MAKE STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS TO THEIR CAPITALS IN FAVOR OF HOLDING TOGETHER ON THIS ISSUE.

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HIGHLIGHT WAS ~~STATEMENT~~ BY FRENCH PERMREP SEYDOUX SAYING THAT FRANCE RECOGNIZED NEED TO STAND WITH US THIS MATTER. EVEN THOUGH CUBA FAR FROM EUROPE, HE RECOGNIZED EUROPE HAD DUTY TO STAND WITH ITS ALLIES ON SUCH ISSUES. IT WAS MOST SATISFACTORY STATEMENT WHICH HE SAID REFLECTED GOVERNMENTAL POSITION. THIS I TAKE IT SHOWED SUCCESS ACHESON VISIT WITH DE GAULLE.

MINOR FLAP OVER CHARGE OF FAILURE TO CONSULT NAC ABOUT ALERT MEASURES (THERE HAVING BEEN A RADIO REPORT DURING THE DAY OF ALLIANCE HAVING ADOPTED ALERT MEASURES) WAS HANDLED SATISFACTORILY BY SHAPE C/S GENERAL MOORE WHO PRESENTED GENERAL NORSTAD'S STATEMENT ON ALERTS TO BE RELEASED AT MIDNIGHT, REPORTED SEPARATELY IN POLTO 498.

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MEETING CLOSED WITH GENERAL EXPRESSIONS BY MOST PERMREPS OF DESIRE FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION. HOPE TO EXTENT REASONABLE YOU CAN GIVE US MATERIAL TO THIS END.

AT NAC MEETING 23RD RE BERLIN CONTINGENCY PLANNING, SEVERAL PERMREPS AS WELL AS COLONNA LINKED BERLIN AND CUBA, EMPHASIZING NEED NAC BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED CUBA AS WELL AS BERLIN. FOR INSTANCE, DUTCH PERMREP CHIDED ME FOR ONLY GIVING GERMAN-BERLIN ASPECTS OF PRESIDENT-GROMYKO TALK, SINCE HE BELIEVED IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL HAVE CUBAN ASPECTS AS WELL SINCE BOTH NOW CLOSELY LINKED. COLONNA PLANNING HAVE ANOTHER PERMREPS ONLY MEETING 1700 OCTOBER 24TH TO DISCUSS CUBAN DEVELOPMENTS AND ALLOW NAC HEAR PRELIMINARY REACTIONS ALLIANCE MEMBERS. *APT*

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